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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
GENERATING CONSTANT VOLTAGE

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Applicant hereby requests that the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Patent Office on February 10, 2003 be considered by the Examiner. Applicant also requests that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 which was filed as part of the Information Disclosure Statement on February 10, 2003. Enclosed herewith are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, reference, and date-stamped postcard receipt as evidence that the Information Disclosure Statement was submitted.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of ☒ the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 and each U.S. patent application listed below is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for each reference previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No.

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(1) ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or

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3. ☐ Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

a. ☒ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

- b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
 - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Patent Office Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate)
2. Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application
3. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
4. Executed Declaration
5. Information Disclosure Statement w/PTO-1449 and PTO-1450
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